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SUBJECT: UNITA ESTABLISHES ZONE OF INFLUENCE IN THE SOUTH

1. UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI ON AUGUST 4 ANNOUNCED
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITA ZONES OF INFLUENCE AND A NUMBER
OF OTHER MEASURES DESIGNED TO MOBILIZE ALL UNITA RESOURCES
AND ALLOW IT TO PROTECT ITSELF IN THE FACE OF THE DETERIORATING
SITUATION. SAVIMBI ALSO CONVOKED A GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR AUGUST
20.

2. SAVIMBI CATALOGUED THE ATTACKS AGAINST UNITA FORCES
IN RECENT MONTHS, THE MOST SPECTACULAR BEING THE KILLING OF 250
RECRUITS IN MALANGE IN JUNE AND JULY. HE BLASTED THE PORTUGUESE
FOR REMOVING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SPOKE OF THE MANIPULATION
OF THE MEDIA FROM LUANDA AND EFFORTS TO TAKE OVER RADIO STATIONS
IN THE CENTER AND SOUTH AND CRITICIZED EFFORTS TO CREATE LABOR
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UNREST IN THE PORTS AND MAJOR CITIES OF THE SOUTH.

3. AS A RESULT OF THESE AND OTHER NEGATIVE FACTORS, UNITA'S SUPREME ORGAN HAS DECIDED:

- A. TO CONVOKE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON AUGUST 20 IN SILVE PORTO,
- B. TO ORDER ALL UNITA MINISTERS TO CARRY ON ONLY THE ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND NOT TO TAKE PART IN ANY CABINET MEETINGS UNTIL THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY CLARIFIES,
- C. TO NAME JOSE N'DELE AS THE ONLY INTERLOCUTER WITH THE PORTUGUESE. THE PRESIDENT OF UNITA WILL HAVE NO CONTACT WITH ANY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITY.
- D. TO CHARGE THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES THAT CAN FLOW FROM THEIR SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA.
- E. TO DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RETURN TO ANGOLA OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER,
- F. TO URGE THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES TO MAINTAIN THEIR POLICY OF ACTICE NEUTRALITY.
- G. TO ASK JOSE N'DELE TO CLARIFY WITH MPLA THE ATTITUDE OF THAT ORGANIZATION TOWARD UNITA, THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, THE NAKURU AGREEMENT AND THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS OF THE NAION.
- H. TO CHARGE THOSE THAT ARE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE POWER BY FORCE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THAT HAPPENS IN CABINDA.
- I. TO ORDER THE UNITA FORCES TO RESPOND IN LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE TO ANY PROVOCATION.
- J. TO PROTECT THE POPULATION WITHOUT REGARD TO COLOR WHEN EVER SUCH PROTECTION BECOME NECESSARY.
- K. TO ESTABLISH AND DEFEND PEACE ZONES, WHICH ARE THOSE AREAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF UNITA. ALL REGIONAL COMMANDERS HACE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. WITHIN THESE AREAS ALL MILITARY CONFRONTATIONS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ANY TYPE, NO MATTER WHO IS INVOLVED, WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A DIRECT ATTACK ON UNITA, AND ITS TROOPS WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY,

- L. TO ORDER THE MOBILIZATION OF THE YOUTH AND WOMENS' GROUPS OF UNITA. ALL UNITA MEMBERS ARE TO GIVE THEIR MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE DEFENSIVE ACTIONS OF THE UNITA TROOPS.

H.

CONSIDER ALL ATTACKS ON THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AS
DIRECT ATTACKS ON UNITA.

N. TO SUPPORT THE COMING TO ANGOLA OF THE OAU GOOD OFFICES
COMMISSION. TO REPUDIAE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE
ATTACKS ON
THE OAU THAT ARE BEING MADE BY THOSE WHO JUST
YESTERDAY ENJOYED ITS TOTAL
SUPPORT.

O. TO ORDER ALL ORGANS IN UNITA TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS
AND MARCHES TO REPUDIATE THE TRAITOROUS ATTACKS ON UNITA.

I. TO ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE PRESENCE OF ADMIRAL ROSA
COUTINHO IN ANGOLA.

UNITA WILL CONTINUE TO CONTACT THE LEADERS OF MPLA AND FNL
AN EFFORT TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS, BUT
UNITA IS AWARE THAT AFTER POLITICAL ACTIVITY DEVELOPS TO A
CERTAIN POINT WAR BREAKS OUT TO REMOVE OBSTACLES AND OPEN THE
WAY ONCE AGAIN FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION.

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